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AMENDED ORDER EXTENDING THE DEADLINES FOR ADOPTION OF PROPERTY TAX RELIEF LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAXES

On August 24, 2007, Governor Daniels directed the Department of Local Government Finance and the Department of Revenue to extend the October 1, 2007 deadline for counties to adopt local option income taxes to provide direct relief to property taxpayers and to reduce reliance on property taxes in the future. The new deadline for counties to take action is December 31, 2007.

This latest extension of the deadline was made at the request of counties for the purpose of allowing counties additional time to decide on whether to adopt these important tax relief tools. Accordingly, it is appropriate and necessary for the Department of Local Government Finance and the Department of Revenue to work with counties to implement these local option income taxes. While it is clear the legislature intended the counties to be able to act in time to make these property tax relief options effective for 2007 pay 2008 property taxes, the recent request from the counties compels the administering agencies to extend the deadline to December 31, 2007.

In accordance with the Governor's instructions and in conformance with the authority granted under IC 6-3.5-1.1-24(q), IC 6-3.5-1.1-26(i), IC 6-3.5-6-30(q), and IC 6-3.5-6-32(i), the Department of Local Government Finance and the Department of Revenue hereby ORDER that any county desiring to adopt local option income taxes for public safety, for property tax levy freeze, and/or to provide dollar-for-dollar property tax relief may do so by adopting the required ordinance before December 31, 2007.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2007.

Cheryl A.W. Musgrave, Commissioner
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